

Dear Legislators,

I am a resident of Suffield and a parent of two children with disabilities.

In the past year my son was outplaced to a private school that could help him to receive the education that our district was not able to provide.

I am concerned about “itemizing” the services that my son’s new school provides. Each student requires individual school plans that have to be flexible to attend to their daily needs. If we start nickel and diming these wonderful schools we will be adding administrative costs and time that may overload them. This may cause some of them to close. I wonder if the accountability that is being looked for isn’t on the side of the private schools but on the public school districts that are too overwhelmed to be able to provide special education services where they are needed.

I think more input is required from parents, administrators, teachers and advocates.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Amy Rucci.